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### **Health Care Freedom Act Passes Florida House**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 2, the Health Care Freedom Act, today passed the Florida House of Representatives.

“The Health Care Freedom Act is an important measure that will preserve the right of Floridians to make their own health care decisions,” said House Speaker Dean Cannon (R-Winter Park). “I commend my colleague Senate President Mike Haridopolos for championing this legislation from the beginning and I applaud Representative Scott Plakon for leading the House effort to pass this important proposed amendment.”

SJR 2 is a proposed constitutional amendment that, if approved by voters, would allow Floridians to opt-out of the federal mandate requiring individuals to purchase health care insurance.

“The federal takeover of health care is poised to add thousands of Floridians to our already over-burdened Medicaid program by mandating that all citizens purchase health care coverage,” said Representative Robert Schenck (R-Spring Hill), chair of the House Health & Human Services Committee. “The Health Care Freedom Act ensures that our state, as well as the private sector, is not crippled by the individual mandate and leaves important health care decisions up to individuals and their doctors.”

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